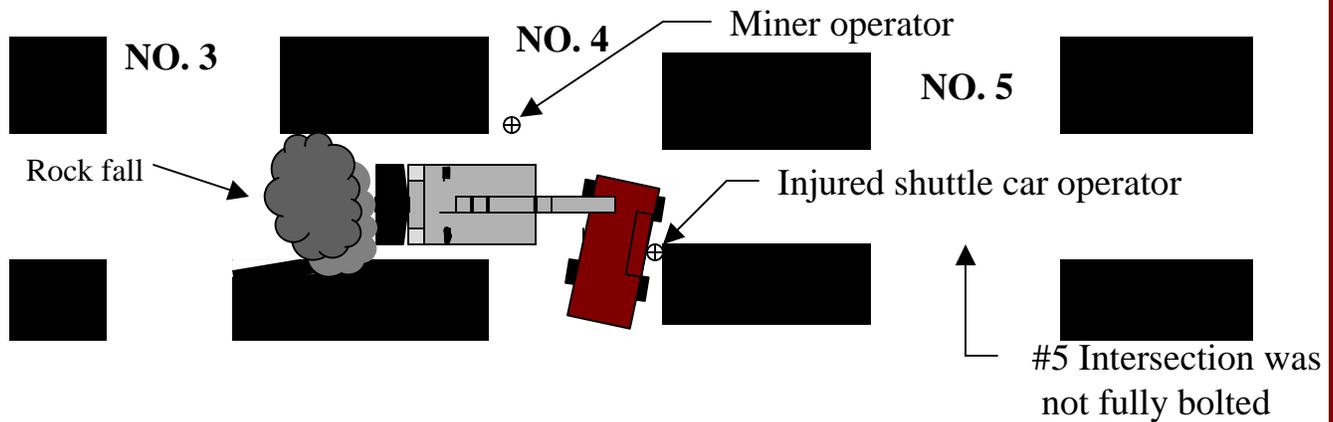




SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

BE AWARE OF PINCH POINTS



On January 23, 2004, at 12:12 PM, a shuttle car operator was seriously injured at a Tazewell County underground mine. The injured miner suffered multiple fractures to both feet, ankles, and lower legs when he was caught between the shuttle car deck and the coal rib. During the loading cycle, the distance between the coal rib and the shuttle car deck was approximately 14 inches and the mining height at the accident scene was 51 inches. The shuttle car operator flagged the miner operator indicating the shuttle car was loaded. As the shuttle car operator was changing his seating direction before starting to the dump point, the continuous miner backed up causing the miner boom to push the shuttle car backwards into the coal rib catching the shuttle car operator's lower legs between the car's frame and the coal rib.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Never place any part of your body in a pinch point.
- Keep all parts of your body within the confines of the operators deck when tramming and in situations where contact with other moving equipment could occur.
- When communicating with other miners, make sure all communications are understood and acknowledged.
- Be constantly aware of Who or What is in your work area and Where they are located.

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